“Climb the mountains and get their good tidings.” -- John Muir

Muir College Council Minutes

Date: October 29, 2009

Start: 6:00 PM

Present: Elaine, Patty, Frank, Lauren, Chris, Lynne, Ryan, Daisy, Ben, Maya, Terry, Auti, Apple, Diana, Jessie, Lisa, Martini, Samantha; External: Jonathan, Cassandra, Jennifer

Excused:

Unexcused:

Moment of Silence: Referendum Passed, Full internal council, Pumpkin[s] drop

Approval of Minutes: October 22, 2009 minutes approved by consensus [17-0-0] passed

Public Input, Council Announcements, and General Happenings:

- Vice Chancellor Penny Rue (6:15-7:15)
  - Thank you to council!
  - University is in tough times just like the rest of the world
    - Next year’s budget impact worse, but is necessary
    - Proposed increase for econ and engineering majors
      - Not likely
    - Halloween Costumes
      - Silly hat, fun, but not frightening
    - UCSD football team
      - Seen as a long-shot
        - Tight budget time
          - Students would have to pay for it
          - Millions of dollars to run the football team
          - No conference for us to play in
        - Serious Title IX constraints
          - Have to cut men’s teams or add women’s teams to maintain gender equity
          - Budget Cuts v. Student Affairs
    - When will times get better at UCSD
      - State budget and all its elements are in a downturn and will lag in the rebound, and thus so will UCSD
    - Empty retail space in Price Center
      - UCAB just approved a wellness center outpost
- Workshops
  - Stress management etc
- Yoga, pilates
- Restaurant in the Loft

- Regular Day
  - 2.5 weeks without dinner with her husband
  - Exercises daily
  - 1st hour of day for prep/catch up
  - Meetings

- Long term plans for on-campus housing for upperclassmen
  - Yes/No
  - Village is open to upperclassmen as well
  - Goal is 50% housing for students

- Admissions
  - Will decrease by a few hundred freshman
  - This year’s target is 3600 students roughly
  - Increase in transfer students
    - More women come in as first year’s and more men come in as transfers
  - Hit our targets for freshman but continuing rates also went up
  - Winter admits fill out any discrepancy from yields so we must keep them

- Transportation Referendum
  - Transportation system funded by parking revenue
  - Examine proposal closely

- Students of Color Conference
  - Good showcase for our campus!
  - Mural on Peterson
    - Possible to become permanent

- Rady School of Management
  - Discussion of business minor
  - Academic senate is against business degree
    - Find it bordering vocational and typical—and we’re an innovative research university
    - Business prepares for today, UCSD degree prepares for the future
  - Rady’s niche is bringing innovation to market
  - This is not happening right now
    - Would need entirely new faculty

- Furloughs
  - Difficult to manage
  - High transaction cost
  - Hope not to extend them into next year
  - Preferable to layoffs

- Fee Increase Possibilities
  - Mid November regents to discuss mid-year increase of 15% and
15% the next year
- If we don’t stomach the fees, we will have major program cuts
- Increases to be met with Cal-grants
- Fee increase will have return to aid
- FinAid is poised to recalculate aid

- **Graduate Student Tuition**
  - Professional
    - Mostly self funded
  - Graduate Student
    - Funded by the university
  - University against rise in graduate fees

- **Cal-Grants**
  - Vulnerable because they are a big line-item and they are discretionary
  - Vital to university

- **50th Year Celebration**
  - Executive committee role
    - Founder’s Day November 18, 2009
    - Innovator’s Day
    - Green Open House
    - Top-up already existing events
    - 50 for 50 campaign
      - Students and faculty to pledge 50 hrs. of community service for the year

- **Carbon Neutral Goal**
  - Make as much energy as we spend

- **UC System Privatized?!?!**
  - We could never afford it
  - But we will need more private financing
    - Greater philanthropy
    - Higher tuition

- **B+ on Sustainability Report Card**
  - Energy intensity of our academic offerings
    - Amount of energy in labs, computing, animal care facility
      - i.e. polar ice at Scripps
  - Sustainability 2.0 website
  - Sustainability Center in PC to open soon

- **Chancellor is no longer a mystery**
  - Physical chemist
  - Born in Ohio
  - UT Austin
  - Bush’s Scientific Advisor
  - NC State University
  - Now here
  - Supportive of arts and student events
• James Lintern
  o All council mixer 8-10PM Thursday Week 7 PC Ballroom A
• Revelle College Council
  o Congrats on passing referendum!
• Elizabeth--Sustainability Center
  o Deals with environmental issues
  o November is Water Month
  o Human Peace Symbol
    ▪ People to organize in shape of a peace sign for world peace march on Sungod Lawn
    ▪ November 19, 2009 @ 12pm
    ▪ Philippines has world record for number of people
    ▪ Contact eelman@ucsd.edu for more info
• JP- Muir Student Liaison to the Village
  o Think about outreach to The Village
  o Possible Rep on council or have responsibilities flow to Ben

**Business of the Day: Allocation Requests/Funding Requests**

• MOB Casino Night Funding Request (5 mins)
  o Goal to improve entertainment and food (martinis)
  o Quad is the venue
  o Dean’s fund and Parents’ allocated
  o Grand Prize is iPod/Disneyland Ticket; prizes Gift Cards, Rainbows, Sweatshirt, Bond DVD
  o **Move to Allocate $125 from Muir On Campus to MOB Casino Night** [17-0-1]
    passed

**External Committee Reports**

• None

**Old Council Business**

• Referendum Passes! 5 minutes
  o Good job everyone!
  o Muir currently has the highest activity right now
• Halloween Carnival this Friday
  o 11-1 PM tomorrow
    ▪ Working the guessing jar table/promoting the 4 open external positions
    ▪ Dress up!

**New Council Business:**

• College Events during Sungod
  o A.S. proposes collaborative event in which we team up with another college
  o Colleges will be like the lands at Disneyland
• Pick a date for Retreat
  o Sunday 15 November 2009
  o Patty’s House, Mandeville Suite, Institute of the Americas
• Coffee with MCC
  o Thursdays @ 5 before council meetings
- Terry
- Diana
- Samantha

- Card Signing
- Marshall College Resolution
  - Options presented
    - Students can request a portion of their student fees
    - Asks colleges to write a letter to Koala
    - Endorse the resolution
    - All campus campaign to inform students about where their student fees are going esp. in terms of the Koala
  - MCC does not support writing the letter or an active role in campaign

**Reports:**

Daisy – Chair
- Sixth Council Chair Card
- All council mixer November 12, 2009
  - Pizza party and 4 hours in A.S. Graphic Studio

Lauren – Vice Chair
- Applications out for 4 external positions

Frank - Commissioner of Finance
- **General Unallocated:** $2523/2973……………….84.86%
- **Reserve Fund:** $13,012/13,012………………….100%
- **Dedicated Funds:**
  - **Diversity Programming at Muir:** $200/200…100%
  - **Muir On-Campus Programs:** $1635/2000….81.75%
  - **Muir Off-Campus Program:** $500/500……….100%
  - **Infrastructure Fund:** $1000/1000……………..100%

Samantha – Commissioner of Public Relations
- None

Maya – Diversity Advocate
- Intercultural Society meeting
  - Early stages, needs help organizing goals
    - Spaces
    - Triton Tide
    - Cultural House
    - OASIS
    - Traditional Diversity event
  - Send suggestions to Maya via Fbook or mbarlev@ucsd.edu

Martini – Commissioner of College and Council Development
- Snacks for Diana
- T-shirts
  - Graphics,
  - Color
• Happy Birthday[s]!
Diana – Ambassador of Media, Clubs, and the Arts
  • Info sessions from Muir Musical Nov. 2 & 3rd in PC
  • MVP meeting on Tuesday
    ▪ Monday doing a project turnaround—helping
      ▪ Contact muirvolunteer@gmail.com
    ▪ Beach Clean Ups
    ▪ Collecting money for Unicef

Jessie – Commissioner of Service, Programming & Committees
  • MOB Casino Night November 4, 2009
  • Thriller Dance went well

Ben – Transfer Student Representative
  • Check if transfer website is working

Apple – Environmental Advocate
  • MEC spoke of trees that are going to be cut down
    ▪ Plans to make bench
  • Provost approached one of Stuart artists
    ▪ Possible art projects from the trees

Auti – Resident Student Representative
  • Halloween Carnival

Ryan – Muir Senator
  • UCAB Loft programming fee referendum
    ▪ A.S. Committee to be est.
    ▪ $4.91/student/quarter
    ▪ Possibility of recruiting grad student
    ▪ Set to run for winter
    ▪ AVP of academics asking us to have a UCAB rep. ASAP.
      ▪ Ryan as interim/emergency appointed UCAB rep
  • A.S. events line
    ▪ 858-534-PLAY (7529)
      ▪ Updated daily on events on and off campus
  • Vendor Fair Incident
    ▪ Student offended by hate speech spoken by vendor
  • SPACES
    ▪ Has $278,000 to work with
  • UCSD e-mails monitored? We hope not. And we don’t think so.

Lynne – AS senator
  • SPACES Money
    ▪ If carry-forward money isn’t used University may take some away
    ▪ If you have any kind of diversity even, go to them.
• Muir College Room in PC decoration
• Fall Quarter Student Survey to go out soon
• Academic Integrity Policy Changes
• Loft Referendum
  o Think of questions to bring them to A.S.
• Senator Project
  o KSDT Radio Show
  o Energy producing machines into RIMAC

Lisa Le – Freshman Representative
• None

Patty – Dean
• Administration asks colleges for budget scenarios for 10,15,20% cuts
• Construction update section in Muir Words
  o November 9, 2009 is earliest construction will start
  o Emergency road may be blocked during construction
  o Hopes to open up corridor by Mercado
• New coordinator of student activities to be announced
  o Thank you, Chris
• J-Board interviews tomorrow, training next week

Chris – Advisor
• Semi-Formal now on January 22, 2009
• Theater Troupe Talent Show November 18, 2009
• Art Power tickets
  o Tell Chris what shows you’re interested in

Elaine – Commissioner of Records
• None

Terry – Commuter Representative
• Game Night tonight 11th floor Tioga
• Kickboxing with Jamba 8th Week
  o Rec class instructor
  o Venue TBA

2nd Roll Call:

Present: Daisy, Frank, Patty, Elaine, Martini, Samantha, Lisa, Jessie, Diana, Apple, Auti, Terry, Maya, Ben, Ryan, Lynne, Lauren, Chris

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End: 8:42 PM